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SUBJ: GOU RELEASES NEW DATA ON SUBVERSIVES FREED

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1. SUMMARY. ON MARCH 30 THE JOINT FORCES ISSUED
CUMULATIVE FIGURES OF SUBVERSIVE PRISONERS RELEASED
BETWEEN MID-1972 AND MARCH 15, 1977, UPDATING FIGURES
PUBLISHED FOR THE FIRST TIME LAST SEPTEMBER (REFTELS):
THE NUMBER RELEASED (76) OVER THE LAST SEVEN MONTHS IS SMALL.
END SUMMARY.

2. ON MARCH 30, THE JOINT FORCES ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE
STATING THAT THE MILITARY COURTS, THROUGH MARCH 15, 1977,
HAD ORDERED THE RELEASE OF THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS OF
PERSONS WHO HAD BEEN TRIED FOR SEDITION OFFENSES:

CATEGORY	CUMULATIVE 1972 TO 3/15/77
UNCONDITIONALLY FREED	1,040
FREED PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF SENTENCE	194
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HELD UNDER EMERGENCY SECURITY MEASURES, OPTING TO LEAVE COUNTRY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONSTI- TUTIONAL RIGHTS	193
FOREIGNERS DEPORTED	14
TOTAL	1,441

3. REFTEL A SHOWED THAT 1365 SUBVERSIVES HAD BEEN FREED

UP TO AUGUST 15, 1976. THUS, 76 PERSONS HAVE BEEN RELEASED IN THE SEVEN MONTHS ENDING MARCH 15, NOT A VERY SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER. THE VAST MAJORITY OF THOSE RELEASED IN RECENT MONTHS WERE FREED PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF SENTENCE WHILE MOST OF THE REST WERE UNCONDITIONALLY FREED.

4. COMMENT: WHILE THE JOINT FORCES PREVIOUSLY STATED IT WOULD RELEASE THE NAMES OF PERSONS FREED (REF B); YESTERDAY'S COMMUNIQUE CAME SEVEN MONTHS AFTER THE FIRST ONE AND, UNLIKE THE SEPTEMBER 1976 ANNOUNCEMENT, DID NOT LIST ANY NAMES. WHEN DATT LAST DECEMBER ASKED WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO PLANS TO PUBLISH PRISONER RELEASES PERIODICALLY, JOINT FORCES REP SAID THEY SIMPLY HAD NOT GOTTEN AROUND TO IT BUT ALSO EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ABOUT PUBLISHING NAMES, SAYING PUBLICITY WOULD HARM PROSPECTS OF RELEASED PERSONS STARTING A NEW LIFE. THESE COMMENTS MAY WELL EXPLAIN BOTH THE LONG DELAY IN PUBLICATION OF PRISONER RELEASES DATA AND THE ABSENCE OF NAMES.
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